

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Statement Regarding Financial Requirements  
of Public Education**

Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education adopt the following statement regarding financial requirements of public education:

**State Board Duty**

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides, in part, that the State Board of Education shall “serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

**Background**

The State Board of Education recognizes that some public school buildings and districts require dramatic improvement. The State Board has adopted as its current strategic goal “substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement in chronically underperforming schools.” Based on the testimony of nationally recognized experts, the State Board has established five task forces to develop policies around critical pathways of school improvement. Although the funding system of public education is established by the Constitution and legislation, the nationally recognized experts convened by the State Board frequently noted that the use and direction of funds was a critical issue to be addressed to advance school reform.

**Recommendation**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction is charged to initiate a thorough and in-depth review and study of the financial requirements of public education and issues related to such requirements on behalf of the State Board of Education. This review and study shall include both estimates of the funds needed to appropriately fund public education and any related policy recommendations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted August 23, 2001